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Applicants : P. U. Sarma, et al.  
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Examiner : Angela Marie Bertagna  
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For : A METHOD OF DETECTION OF SP-A2 GENE VARIANTS  
USEFUL FOR PREDICTION OF PREDISPOSITION TO  
ASPERGILLOSIS

**THIRD AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION**

We, Kambadur Muralidhar and Ashok Shah, declare and state as follows:

First, we are familiar with the publication, "Association of Polymorphisms in the Collagen Region of SP-A2 with Increased Levels of Total IgE Antibodies and Eosinophilia in Patients with Allergic Bronchopulmonary Aspergillosis", J ALLERGY CLIN IMMUNOL May 2003; Vol. 111, No. 5, pp. 1001-1007;

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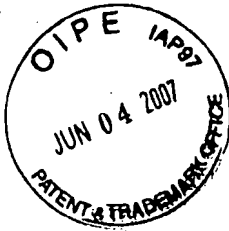
Third, we are associated with the Assignee of the above-identified application,

Fourth, that this publication originated with or were obtained from Shweta Saxena, Taruna Madan, and/or Puranam Usha Sarma;

Fifth, that we are familiar with United States Patent Application No(s). 10/102,731, filed March 22, 2002 and 10/686,786, filed October 17, 2003;

Sixth, that we are not inventors of the above identified subject matter;

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